

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Family and Community Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Social Hall

Chair: Steve Chojnacki

Members Present: Teresa Klippen, Bernadette Vitullo, Lona Wacker, Micky Custodio (PPC Liaison), Lisa Okoneski (staff liaison), Wendy Ashbridge (staff liaison)

Members not Present: Deb Mason

Steve is actively searching for new committee members. He is targeting younger parishioners and has sent requests to the MOMS group, the Young Adult group, and will reach out to the Marriage groups as well. He has requested staff help in possibly identifying people who might be interested in becoming more involved in leadership at the parish.

Agenda Item 1... Ministry Updates

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Discuss current state of ministries and address any needs or concerns

- **Summer Sizzle Picnic**

The picnic was a success in many ways, especially in building the SJN community of hundreds of volunteers and staff. A final financial report was still pending at the time of this meeting.

- **New Youth Minister**

Our newly hired youth minister, Michaela Schaff, was kind enough to say yes to the invitation to stop by our meeting. She spent a little time with the committee discussing her plan for the year. Steve will meet with her this fall to discuss how the FCL committee can help to increase youth involvement and visibility in the parish.

Agenda Item 2... Goals/Objectives

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Brainstorm and/or plan upcoming initiatives

- **Stewardship**

The new stewardship initiative was rolled out at the general leadership meeting before the committees met, discussing the pillars which should be the foundation of all ministries.

It was discussed that the Stewardship prayer could be recited every Sunday throughout the year, maybe right before Mass begins. Some committee members talked about being at other churches who had their own parish-specific prayers that were said before all Masses.

Ministries could also be encouraged to begin every meeting with this prayer as well.

ACTION: While tasked by the Parish Pastoral Council to set a specific goal to move forward each of the four pillars, it was felt this should be tabled until the next meeting as the initiative was new to all. It was also felt the FCL ministries needed to be reviewed before goals could be set, and it was unclear what communication and onboarding was going to be provided to the ministries and their leads regarding this new stewardship focus.

- **New Parishioner Welcoming**

The Welcoming Group is meeting on Wednesday, September 11.

ACTION: Bernadette Vitullo, chair, will spearhead a plan for the year. The group will plan and execute an event this fall for parishioners who have joined the parish in the last year. One idea was a potluck or an appetizer get-together where people bring a small item to share and spend a little time being welcomed and socializing with each other. Details will be worked out at their meeting.

A plan for regularly contacting new parishioners in a timely fashion will also be discussed and put into place.

- **Donut Sunday**

Discussion was held about actively promoting to parish ministries the idea of sponsorship of Donut Sunday.

It was also discussed that there could be an ongoing projector display during Donut Sunday not only showing upcoming events but showing what recently occurred. Future events are often advertised in the bulletin or elsewhere but the parish doesn't necessarily hear any followup afterward (e.g., how many attended, what happened, photos from event, etc.).

It could also be a place to reinforce/remind the parish about the stewardship initiatives (pillars, etc.)

ACTION: Steve will prepare communication to SJN ministries regarding Donut Sunday sponsorship and present to staff.

A tentative reservation was placed on the calendar to have all the Marriage ministries present at Donut Sunday the weekend of March 14/15, about six weeks before one of the parish's marriage events, the Cana Dinner.

ACTION: Steve will communicate with the marriage groups and staff to coordinate this event.

Agenda Item 3... Upcoming Events/Ministry Opportunities

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Event awareness and call for volunteers

- **Wit and Wisdom Luncheon**



This event is a change from their usual dinner and will be held on the afternoon of Friday, September 20.

- **Faithful Shepherd Catholic School (FSCS)**

FSCS will be a presence at all Masses and Donut Sunday the weekend of October 6-7.

- **Parish-wide Stewardship Fair**

This event, which was initiated last fall, will be held the weekend of October 13-14.

ACTION: Steve will put together a schedule of Mass times for committee members to help out at the Stewardship Fair.

- **Cana Dinner**

This event will be held on April 25, 2020.

ACTION: Committee members are actively being sought to help plan and execute this event. The initial planning meeting date is still being decided.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.